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1. EMBASSY MADE EFFORT JANUARY 31 TO SORT OUT RATHER CONFUSING SITUATION THAT EXISTS WITH RESPECT TO ARRIVAL IN US OF FOUR GROUPS OF SOVIET EXPERTS IN FIELD OF CHEMICAL CATALYSIS (REF A). CONVERSATIONS WITH SCST AND PROFESSOR GRYAZNOV REVEAL THAT BOTH KAZANSKIY AND MINACHEV HAVE NOW SWITCHED TO GROUPS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ORIGINALLY INDICATED AND ALSO THAT GRYAZNOV HAS CHANGED HIS ARRIVAL PLANS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM GRYAZNOV THAT DR. KENYON AGREED IN TELECON WITH HIM JANUARY 30 THAT HIS GROUP CAN BE RECEIVED BEGINNING FEBRUARY 10 RATHER THAN FEBRUARY 3 AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED. PLEASE CONFIRM. CURRENT STATUS OF THESE VISITS, ALL OF THREE WEEKS' DURATION, IS AS FOLLOWS:

FEBRUARY 10: GRYAZNOV, SLINKO, MSIRNOV, MINACHEV;

MARCH 4: KRILOV, KONDRAT'YEV, SAKHAROV;

MARCH 18: SHILOV, VOLPIN, KALECHITS;

APRIL 22: BORESKOV, KAZANSKIY, YERMAKOV.

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2. ALTHOUGH SCST HAS REQUESTED THAT PROGRAM FOR GRYAZNOV GROUP BE PROVIDED URGENTLY, GRYAZNOV HIMSELF SAYS THAT PROGRAM WAS WORKED OUT IN DETAIL BETWEEN BALDESCHWIELER AND BORESKOV DURING S & T JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 5, 1973, AND THAT ITINERARY WILL BE NEW YORK - CHICAGO - SAN FRANCISCO - LOS ANGELES - HOUSTON - NEW YORK. ON OTHER HAND, REF B STATES THAT DETAILED ITINERARIES ARE STILL BEING DEVELOPED. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT ITINERARY JUST INDICATED IS CORRECT FOR GRYAZNOV GROUP, SO THAT OPEN TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM. GRYAZNOV POINTED OUT THAT HE PERSONALLY ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO VISIT AT NOTRE DAME FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH CARBERRY. HE ALSO REGRETS THAT HIS GROUP WILL BE UNABLE TO TALK WITH PROFESSOR TURKEVICH AT PRINCETON (SINCE TURKEVICH GOING TO JAPAN AFTER INTERNATIONAL CATALYSIS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 4-6 IN SAN FRANCISCO). GRYAZNOV MADE SPECIAL REQUEST THAT TURKEVICH DELEGATE ONE OF HIS COLLEAGUES TO RECEIVE SOVDEL AT PRINCETON FOR DISCUSSION OF CATALYSIS AND DEMONSTRATION OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT. DUBS

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